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IN FLAME RETARDANTS
Examiner: Nicole M. Buie
Art Unit: 1796
Confirmation: 5008

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Amendment and Response

This response is in reply to the office action mailed on June 11, 2009.

On July 30, 2009; the applicant's representative and the examiner had a brief telephone conference. We discussed the amendment in claim 1. The examiner expressed currently amended claim 1 should be allowable pending further consideration. In addition, the examiner indicated the currently withdrawn claims will be considered for rejoinder since the withdrawn claims depend, directly or indirectly, on allowable claim 1.

Amendments

1. Please amend claim 1 to read as follow:

"1. An antidripping fluoropolymer concentrate consisting essentially of a solidified suspension, the suspension being a solid fluoropolymer evenly dispersed in a molten flame retardant selected from organic bromine compounds and organic phosphorous compounds, said flame retardant having been allowed to solidify."

Support for the above amendment can be found for example at paragraph 32 of the published version of the application as filed.

Claims Rejection – 35 USC § 112

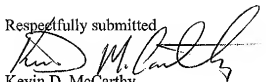
2. Claims 1-4, 6-13, 25 and 27-31 are rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

The Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 should successfully overcome the Examiner's above-mentioned objection.

Conclusion

3. As it is believed that the rejection set forth in the Office Action has been fully addressed, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Applicants explanations are not found persuasive, the Examiner is respectfully requested to kindly grant to the Applicants an interview for clarifying the issues.

Respectfully submitted



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